

San Diego DX Club Bulletin

November 2019



NOVEMBER PROGRAM

630 Meter DXing
By: Randy, KQ6RS

MEETING NOTICE:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2019
JOIN US AT THE SIZZLER, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road,
San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 278-6988
SOCIAL HOUR, 5:00 P.M. DINNER, 5:30 P.M.
MEETING, 6:30 P.M

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From the Prez . . .

Ron, N6XT

Our Club Christmas Party is coming up on December 15th, 2019. Don't forget to RSVP the Club. VP Don't forget sign up at least 2 weeks prior. Hopefully all will be able to attend.

I would like to remind everyone that our club will be handling the registration sign in for the IDXC 2020 Convention at Visalia. The VP and I will be looking for Volunteers for (April 12); Saturday (April 13 2020). This is just to give you all advance notice and to be thinking about volunteering.

Putting up my station is still WIP. Do to some of the side effects of the radiation treatments.

I hope to get some help this coming month our beginning of next month to get it up and operational.

Hope fully see you all in the Pile ups next month.

Ron, N6XT



Secretary/Treasurer Reports

Randy, KQ6RS

Meeting Minutes, October 23, 2019

At 6:30 P.M. Pat Bunsold, WA6MHZ called the meeting to order. 22 members and four guests were in attendance. Our guests were Bob Mannigel, W6BLD (his 1st visit), Tom Bryan, W5COM (his 5th visit), Steve Handrop, K6RSH (his 1st visit) and Don Theriault, N6PTF (his 2nd visit).



The September Treasurer report and meeting minutes were approved.

The membership voted on and approved a \$1000 donation to the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF).

Announcements: The Holiday Party will be on December 15 at Fiddler's Green (same place as the last several years) from 12 to 4 pm. The address is 2760 Shelter Island Dr, 92106.

At 6:40 P.M. we started the round table discussion

At 7:06 pm the presentation "Remote Receive Site" was given by Hans Emmenegger, AE6XG.

At 8:00 P.M. The meeting was adjourned.

Treasurer's Report

Income for October: \$0

Expenses for October: \$49.00 for Web site hosting for 2020,
\$42.43 for thank you-lunch for shirt embroidery,
\$39.00 for RSVP system for SDDXC Christmas Party, \$1000.00 to Northern CA DX Foundation.

Balance on 10/26/2019 \$5,403.18

Randy, KQ6RS

THE SDDXC TOP 10 (EXPANDED VERSION)

By John, K6AM



CURRENT COUNTRIES CONFIRMED ON CW

11/19	11/18	CALL	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG	11/19	11/18	CALL	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	K9RHY	339	351	351	-	11.	12.	WN6K	323	334	341	-
2.	2.	N6CW	338	366	366	-	12.	13.	K5OA	321	327	327	-
3.	4.	NØRR	338	353	353	+1	13.	14.	NA6L	307	307	310	-
4.	3.	K6AM	338	348	349	-	14.	15.	N6VS	300	304	310	-
5.	5.	K6XT	337	350	350	-	15.	16.	WB6BFG	297	300	305	-
6.	6.	K6ZH	335	342	342	-	16.	17.	W5BN	295	295	316	-
7.	7.	N7CW	335	336	336	-	17.	18.	N6XT	287	289	289	-
8.	9.	W6YI	333	340	343	+1	18.	20.	W6HDG	258	258	282	+11
9.	11.	NN6K	330	334	334	-	19.	19.	N6MUF	257	263	268	-
10	10.	KØXB	329	339	349	-1	20.	-	NC6K	216	221	226	NEW

We've expanded the CW Top 10 to include the top 20 players. Since no one in the Club ever worked P5 on CW, the number to hit on CW now stands at 339. Not too many shakeups in the standings this time out, but we welcome NC6K the leader board.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser-recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 10/40M and 80/20M. Please send me your totals for each band and mode throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting. CHECK YOUR LOGS

It's time once again to recognize those of you who have made outstanding DX achievements during the year. Please check your logs and let me know if you worked your 331st current country or more than 20 all time new countries during 2019. Send your totals to k6am at arrl dot net.

John, K6AM

SDDXC RESULTS
2019 ARRL DX SSB CONTEST
 By John, K6AM



CLASS	CALL	SCORE	QSO'S	MLTS	FINISH
MS	ZF1A (K6AM K6JO N6WIN ops)	6,150,030	7,261	290	#1 WORLD
SO HP	NO6T (KI6RRN)	1,003,749	1,344	251	#1 SW Div, #11 US/VE
SO HP	K6NA	710,775	1,058	225	#2 SW Div, #15 US/VE
M2	NX6T (N6KI WQ6X WM6Y NN6X N6EEG KJ6YXI KB6TEQ W2PWS N6CY ops)	587,703	889	227	#1 SW Div, #8 US/VE
SOA HP	W6JBR	25,155	130	65	

John, K6AM

From the Editor

Bob, K9RHY



Any More New Ones Hiding Out There?

While assembling this month's edition of the SDDXC Bulletin, I read (as I always do) the SDDXC TOP 10 EXPANDED Club standings meticulously assembled every month by John Barcroft, K6AM. I was pleasantly surprised and greatly honored to see that this old timer (who feels even older every day) had achieved the Club's prestigious #1 position in the CW standings and just behind W6YI in the 'Phone standings. How time flies.



I use this vignette as an introduction to this month's "From the Editor" column.

In previous columns, I have written about how new entities arise and are added to the ARRL DXCC Official Entities List. There are lots of ways in which this can happen. In a single event, for example, the dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles caused two Netherlands Antilles DXCC entities to be deleted and moved to the Deleted Entities List while four new entities were added to the DXCC List: (1) Curaçao; (2) Sint Maarten; (3) Saba and St Eustatius, and (4) Bonaire.

But most additions and deletions are not nearly as complicated. Most, but not all, entities on the DXCC list are conventional countries. All have some definable political or geographical distinctiveness. For example, although Hawaii is part of the United States of America, it counts separately in the DXCC award program due to its distance from the rest of the US

That said, while the earth isn't adding and deleting much physical geography (think of a "new one" rising out of the ocean with a flagpole already installed (or sinking beneath the waves), most changes to the official DXCC list are now the result of politics.

Here's an example in waiting:



That's the Democratic Republic of Korea in the background of the photo. The rarest of the rarest DXCC entities today. During my years of DXing. BY (China), ZA (Albania), BS7 (Scarborough Reef, - IMHO the most appropriate prefix in all DXing) and a few others have held this coveted position. (I still need P5, so hope springs eternal).

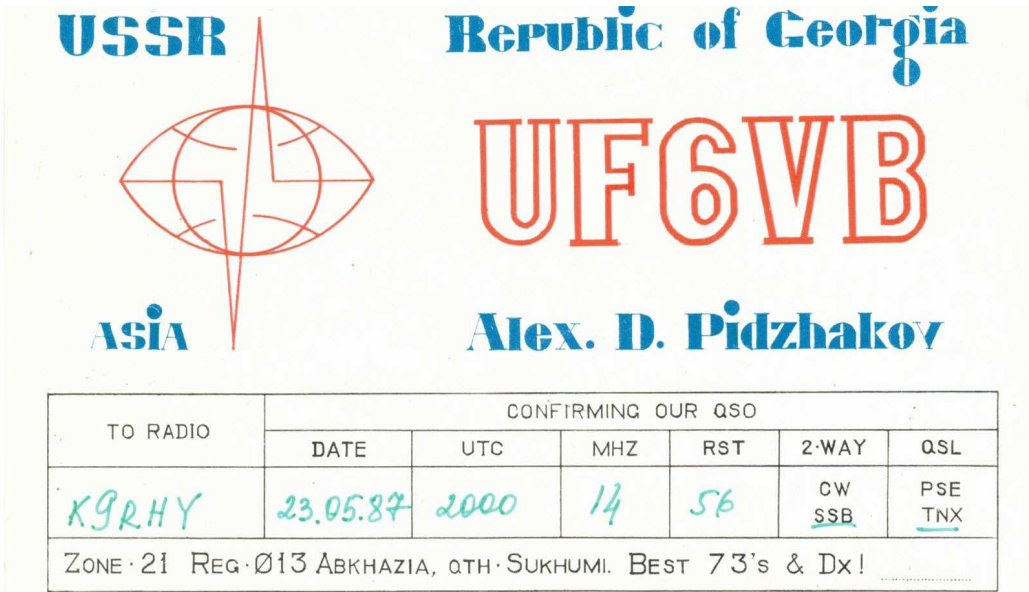
So we now turn to this month's "entity of interest", Abkhazia, (which is also spelled Abkhaziya). Abkhazia is an autonomous republic in northwestern Georgia that formally declared independence in 1999. Only a few countries—most notably Russia, which maintains a military presence in Abkhazia—recognize its independence. Bordering the eastern shores of the Black Sea, Abkhazia consists of a narrow coastal lowland broken by mountain spurs, followed by a hilly foreland zone of eroded marine and river terraces that merge into the steep slopes of the Caucasus Mountains located to the north. In earlier times, Abkhazia was part of the former Republic of Georgia (prefix UF6V) of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (the former USSR).

UF was the prefix for Georgia in the USSR era, up to 1994-07-31. During that period UF6V was the prefix for oblast 013, Abkhazia Oblast.

Today, Abkhazia is a disputed territory which is an integral part of Georgia. Abkhazia considers itself an independent state - The Republic of Abkhazia. The Republic of Abkhazia is recognised by Russia and a small number of other countries. However, the Georgian government, and the majority of the world's governments, consider Abkhazia a part of Georgia's territory. On 28 August 2008, the Parliament of Georgia passed a resolution declaring Abkhazia a "Russian-occupied territory".

Amateur radio licences in Georgia are issued by the Georgian government. The main prefix is 4L. However, since 2008-08-28, there have been an increasing number of operations taking place from Abkhazia using the old UF6V prefix. These are mostly carried out by visiting Russians, eg UF6V/UA5D. There is almost certainly no agreement between Russia and the Government of Georgia for use of the UF6V prefix by visiting Russian amateurs, and hence these callsigns cannot count for DXCC as Georgia. There also at least 3 resident hams, UF6VA, UF6VD & UF6VV. I am advised that QSOs with Abkhazia score zero points in the Russian DX Contest.

Additionally, some UF6V stations were QRV in the 1990s, after 1994-07-31. OPDX Bulletin #319, dated 1997-08-25, reports "PIRATES! Mamuka Kordzakhia, The President of the National Association Radio Amateurs of Georgia (NARG) reports to OPDX that stations UF6VAI, UF6VBS, and UF6VBI are pirates operating from the Republic of Abkhazia which is an integral part of Georgia, and they should be using 4L. The prefix UF6 is a Russian prefix, and they do not understand why they are using UF6V. The Georgian Republic prefix of 4L has been in effect since August 1, 1994."



Here's a copy of my only QSL from Abkhazia, former USSR Oblast 013. I'm sure it won't count as a "New One" if Abkhazia ever becomes a separate DXCC entity, but the old saying is "WFWL" (work first, worry later). I'd trade it for a good P5 card.

Bob, K9RHY

November Program

By Pat, WA6MHZ

630 Meter DXing

By: Randy, KQ6RS

The November 27th meeting will feature our SDDXC SecretaryTreasurer Randy KQ6RS on his conquest of the new 630 meter band (472 -479 Khz.) Randy will show us how he activated this new Frequency and his tricks to success on it!



Pat, WA6MHZ

SDDXC Holiday Party Sunday, December 15, 2019

Noon-4:30PM

The Holiday Party arrangement with Fiddler's Green is the same as last year. Both you and your guest are invited to attend!

We will once again have exclusive use of the entire restaurant: Quality food, PA system, great acoustics (one of the few restaurants where you can talk comfortably in a normal voice), plenty of free parking and, of course, a door prize drawing! The door prize drawing will blow you away again this year!

The meal with beverage (soft drinks, coffee, etc.) cost is still \$27.50 per person and the club will pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cost per person. Therefore, attendees only have to contribute \$13.75 each.

Come prepared with cash or credit card to cover \$13.75 per person plus any alcohol or special orders.

Please select an entree and soup or salad for each person on the next page.

RSVP is required (need number of guests and entree/salad-soup choice for each).

There will also be an optional gift exchange, so bring a \$10 to \$20 gift per person in order to join in on the fun.

Meet & greet at 12 PM, meal service at 1 PM, gift exchange 2-3 PM ending by 4:30 PM.

Fiddlers Green Restaurant - Up Stairs

2760 Shelter Island Drive San Diego, CA 92106

<http://goo.gl/maps/KZhS0>

<http://fiddlersgreensandiego.com/>

RSVP: <https://sddcx.app.rsvpify.com/>